

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Specification has been amended as follows:

[00088] The rubber seal 40 is pressed across the mating face 24 around the thermostat chamber 25 and the aperture end ~~21a~~ 51a of the valve body ~~21~~ 51 in the thermostat 50. In this manner, the rubber seal 40 seals the inside space 60 of the valve body ~~21~~ 51 from the outside space.

[00089] The inner circular rib 33 is inserted into the aperture end of the valve body 51 in the thermostat 50 to accurately and reliably center the thermostat 50. Accordingly, it is possible to reliably protect the valve body ~~21~~ 51 against misalignment and improve the sealability.

[00091] As mentioned above, the O-ring 58 is provided around the valve body 51. The O-ring 58 is pressed against the inner peripheral surface 25a and the hemispheric surface 25b of the thermostat chamber 25. Further, the O-ring 58 is sandwiched between the aperture end ~~21a~~ 51a of the valve body ~~21~~ 51 and the rubber seal 40. In this manner, the O-ring 58 completely partitions the inner peripheral surface 25a of the thermostat chamber 25, the valve body 51, and gaps into the side of the entry aperture 52 and the side of the exit aperture 53 for sealing.